

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 11, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order  
Called to order at 6:01 pm

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Scott Fowler, Mike Cohill, Shawn Ramsey.  
Rebecca Campbell absent. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present.

## **Additions/deletions to published agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

## **Council Minutes of previous meeting.**

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Shawn Ramsey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Cohill.  
Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. Computer purchased for Asset Management Grant and invoices sent for reimbursement. All additional invoices from Duffield Associates have been submitted for grant reimbursement. Diane still tracking down new owner of Dennis Consalo property for unpaid water bills. A motion was made by James Frazier to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Shawn Ramsey, Motion passed. Diane will insert a notice in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 water bills stating that water rates will increase \$15 quarterly effective January 1, 2018 and will be reflected in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018 invoice that they will receive March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## Public Works Report

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: Hydrant flush was normal. Grass cutting should be done for the season. Parts ordered by Delmarva Power for streetlight at 3 Main. Parts ordered for manhole cover at 9 N. Main by Del Dot. Rep Charles Postles will contact Mike Summers (DelDot) to arrange maintenance; he is out of funding and will revert to Community Transportation Funds. The post office upgrade (new trailer installed) about finished. The doublewides are 14'x40' and 24'x64'. Flags addressed as needed, will order new flags soon. Notified Rep. Postles that N. Main speed sign does not always work.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: Water usage is normal. The hour meter went down and Thompson Electric made the repair. The town used 1,108,000 gallons of water during October 2017. Pump 2: 479,000 gallons. Pump 3: 629,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 24' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 38.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 38.1 hours. Chlorine average is .266. We had a bad water test at the Magnolia Fire Company and it was retested and came back clean. Scott will get a quote from Mel's Well's to complete a well inspection. He will use a camera to go down in the wells and inspect. The notebook for the Asset Mgmt Water Grant has been purchased and now Scott is researching best way to obtain web time.

## New Business

**Comprehensive Plan:** Mayor Frazier presented our plan to the State Planning Commission on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Comments from the plan will be compiled into a formal letter and any changes needed will be incorporated in the new plan.

Council discussed the **MVFC Anniversary** Banquet in March. Mayor Frazier drafted language for proclamation:

**On the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, the Town of Magnolia wishes to express its deepest gratitude to those members – past, present and future – who repeatedly place themselves in harm's way to protect the property and lives of not only the residents of Magnolia but all fire district residents surrounding Station 55. The town pledges its support to the Magnolia Volunteer Company as it continues to protect future generations.**

Mayor Frazier will also check with Trophies and More for a plaque (he will look on the OMB State website for vendor information).

Mayor Frazier stated that the only bid received for **2018 snow removal** for town was from Mid Del Hydro Seeding, LLC. Snow removal fees: Truck \$100 hour, Tractor: \$150 per hour, Shovel \$30 hour including salt. James Frazier made a motion to accept the proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Cohill. Motion passed. Scott Fowler will obtain a copy of Mid Del Hydro Seeding, LLC certification of liability insurance for the town file.

Town Clean-up project: Tom Summers from the Orchard Church has contacted Mayor Frazier for a list of community projects they could help the town with. Suggestions were; general trash pickup, two toned house, and weed removal.

### **Election:**

No one submitted a letter of intent by November 9<sup>th</sup> to run for council in the 2018 election. All incumbents submitted the necessary paperwork to remain in office. Mayor Frazier will submit forms and notify the Dept. of Elections. An election will not be necessary.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Ordinance Implementation**

Just one issue, Frances Zornes (owner of Magnolia Furniture) has engaged a Realtor to sell the store and property. We show the property zoned commercial but the Realtor stated residential. Kent County has no other information than; C1 Commercial, but in 1995 it was Commercial/Residential. The Univ. of De. IPA used state research to check all zoning for our Comp Plan. Our comp plan would not support an apartment building at this location.

Michael Cohill represented council at the Sen. Colin Bonino town hall meeting at the Magnolia Fire Hall on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Nine people including Mr. Fitzgerald (McIlvaine Early Childhood Center) and Sen. Bonini attended the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mike Cohill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6.59 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn Ramsey, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall